

# Local Work Group - Development of local EQIP priorities

## Dodge District - FY08 EQIP

October 1, 2007

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
  - *Soil Erosion*
  - *Non-Point Source Pollution*
  - *Water Quality*
  - *Grazing Systems*
  - *Forest Management*
  - *Habitat Conservation*
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
  - *Milliken Creek Watershed – Sediments*
3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.
  - *Soil erosion concerns in Milliken Creek watershed*
  - *Applications within 100 feet of receiving waters*
  - *Applications with structural practices to be installed to control ephemeral or gully erosion.*
  - *Applications for Nutrient Management*
  - *Applications for Forestry Management*
  - *Applications for Habitat Conservation*
4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
  - **Soil Erosion** - the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 3 tons/acre/year or greater within the Milliken Creek watershed – 7 points.
  - **Soil Erosion** - the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 3 or more tons/acre/year outside the Milliken Creek watershed – 5 points.
  - **Soil Erosion** – the application will install structural practices will be installed to control ephemeral or gully erosion – 8 points.
  - **Non-Point Source Pollution** – The application will install Nutrient management – 7points.

- **Non-Point Source Pollution** - The application will install one of the following practices: Conservation Crop Rotation – Organic (328b), Well Decommissioning (351), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393), Pest Management (595), Sinkhole Treatment (725) or Use Exclusion in a Riparian Area (472) will be implemented – 3 points.
  - **Non-Point Source Pollution** – The application will install a practice to address waste storage to eliminate a groundwater pollution problem where a feedlot runoff problem does not exist – 2 points.
  - **Forest Management** – Forest Site Preparation (490), Forest Stand improvement (666), or Tree planting (612) will be implemented. – 3 points:
  - **Habitat Conservation** – Prescribed Burning (338), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat (643), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Early Successional Habitat Development (647) Wetland Restoration (657) will be implemented.
  - **Water Quality** - the application is located within 1 of the following AND the practice will be implemented to address a water quality concern – 3 points:
    - a watershed impaired by turbidity, fecal coliform or excess nutrients
    - a Source Water Assessment Area
    - a Drinking Water Supply Management Area with medium to very high vulnerability
    - a very high to high Sensitivity Aquifer
  - **Water Quality** – the application is less than 100 feet from a receiving water and addresses soil erosion or non-point pollution concerns – 8 points.
  - **Water Quality** – the application is 100 to 500 feet from a receiving water and addresses soil erosion or non-point pollution concerns – 2 points.
  - **Grazing Systems** – Prescribed Grazing (528a) including Organic systems will be implemented – 3 points.
5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
  6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
  7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group

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